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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Contribution Reports - Contributor Information**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that reports by a candidate or a political committee
4 contain certain information about the contributors to the candidate or a political
5 committee; providing that a candidate, chairman, or treasurer is deemed to be in
6 compliance with the requirement if certain actions are taken; and generally
7 relating to the inclusion in certain campaign contribution reports of certain
8 information regarding contributors.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Election Law
11 Section 13-325
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Volume)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Election Law**

17 13-325.

18 (A) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL
19 INCLUDE THE IDENTITY OF THE CONTRIBUTOR BY FULL NAME, MAILING ADDRESS,
20 AND, IF ANY, OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER, IF:

21 (1) THE CONTRIBUTION IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$251 OR MORE; OR

22 (2) THE CONTRIBUTOR HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE CANDIDATE OR
23 COMMITTEE, DURING THE 4-YEAR ELECTION CYCLE IN WHICH THE CONTRIBUTION
24 IS MADE, A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$251 OR MORE.

25 (B) (1) A CANDIDATE, CHAIRMAN, OR TREASURER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH
26 THIS SECTION IF THE CANDIDATE, CHAIRMAN, OR TREASURER SHOWS THAT BEST

1 EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN, MAINTAIN, AND SUBMIT THE INFORMATION
2 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

3 (2) THE CANDIDATE, CHAIRMAN, OR TREASURER SHALL BE DEEMED TO
4 HAVE EXERCISED BEST EFFORTS TO OBTAIN, MAINTAIN, AND SUBMIT THE
5 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IF:

6 (I) 1. EACH INITIAL WRITTEN SOLICITATION FOR
7 CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDES A CLEAR REQUEST FOR THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN
8 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; OR

9 2. A FOLLOW-UP REQUEST IS MADE WHEN NECESSARY TO
10 OBTAIN THE REQUIRED INFORMATION; AND

11 (II) THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IS TIMELY REPORTED,
12 INCLUDING AN AMENDED REPORT TO DISCLOSE ANY REQUIRED INFORMATION
13 OBTAINED BY A FOLLOW-UP REQUEST AND ANY OTHER PREVIOUSLY UNDISCLOSED
14 REQUIRED INFORMATION.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2003.